

SITUATION REPORT

Emerald Ash Borer Infestation and Quarantine in
Southeastern Wisconsin
(Ozaukee, Washington, Fond du Lac and Sheboygan Counties)

Report Number: 2

Date: 9-19-08

Incident Background:

Emerald ash borer has been discovered in two southeast Wisconsin counties: Ozaukee and Washington. Larval samples were removed from an infested tree on private property in Ozaukee County; three adult samples were removed from a survey device (purple prism trap) in Fireman's Park in the Village of Newburg in Washington County.

A quarantine is currently in effect that covers the above counties. It also includes Fond du Lac and Sheboygan counties. The quarantine prohibits the movement of any ash product that could transport a life stage of the emerald ash borer. This also includes all hardwood firewood. Exceptions to the quarantine may be granted with approval by either WI DATCP or USDA APHIS PPQ.

An ICS (Incident Command System) team has been designated to oversee and guide multi-agency activities in the quarantine area.

Current Situation:

A rapid visual assessment of the Newburg area (2 mile radius) is complete. Surveyors did not find many "suspect" trees beyond the general area of Fireman's Park the private residence in Ozaukee County.

Visual assessments have also been completed in Grafton, Port Washington, Jackson, Belgium, Fredonia and Waubeka. Crews did note some trees for further inspection, but did not see any trees that were extensively symptomatic.

Crews will work to visually assess West Bend, Cedarburg, Ransom Lake and several unincorporated villages the week of September 21. It is anticipated that some 70 hours of work remains on this portion of the survey.

A meeting is being planned for October 28 or 29 to provide information and guidance to forest landowners (3+ acres) in the immediate area of Newburg.

Other EAB Information:

DATCP's destructive tree survey for 2008 is underway. To date, Dane County has had one tree cut/peeled (1:1); Winnebago County: 1:1; Fond du Lac County: 19/12; Ozaukee County: 42/22; Washington County: 31/12. No EAB larvae have been found.